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Saviour
which is
Christ
THE LORD

Word
by hand

LUKE 2:1



PEOPLE AND PLACES

All news in this section is printed as contributed by the Assemblies. We welcome brief reports from all of our Churches and Evangelists. All photos should be sharp, high contrast, black and white glossy.

news about
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REV. & MRS. MANUEL D. SMITH

... are serving as Director of Education and Visitation in Corvallis, Oregon, where *Pike Robinson* is the Pastor. The Smith's new address is 312 N.W. 12th St., Corvallis, Oregon, 97330.

EVANGELIST LARRY BOTTROFF

... former Pastor of First Assembly, Vallejo, has recently conducted special meetings in Fairfield, Livermore and Roseville. His new address is: 17972 Ingomar Avenue, Reseda, California, 91335.



Rev. Larry Bottroff

SANTA CLARA GLAD TIDINGS

... has recently enjoyed an evening seminar of prophecy with Rev. Ed Anderson of Santa Cruz, writes Pastor Esther L. Bradley.

Brother Anderson brought to light many aspects of the book of Revelation. The entire church was blessed and uplifted. In the closing Sun-

day service many came forward to accept the Lord. Two young men were filled with the Holy Spirit.

THIRTY-TWO YEARS

Yes, it is true. Mrs. Wallen of the Weott church has been a Sunday school teacher for 32 years. Pastor Huffman felt that it was time the church did something to show their appreciation so they set aside a Sun-

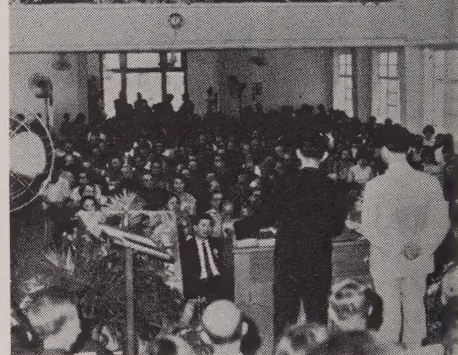


Rev. Huffman, The Wallens, Marie Moore, Supt. day, purchased gifts, and at the appointed time, a brief resume of the highlights of the Wallen ministry in church was shared. Both were charter members in 1935. Mr. Wallen has served as a deacon for ten years, and of course, Mrs. Wallen has been a faithful Sunday school teacher for thirty-two years.

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HONG KONG FIRST ASSEMBLY

... just celebrated their 40th anniversary. Pastor John Ip reports that Missionary H.A. Park returned from the States to officiate the Thanksgiving Service. Rev. Szeto, pastor of the Chinese Assembly of God in Victoria, Canada was the main speaker. Rev. Cary, from the Church of God Mission and Dr. Cho Yonggi



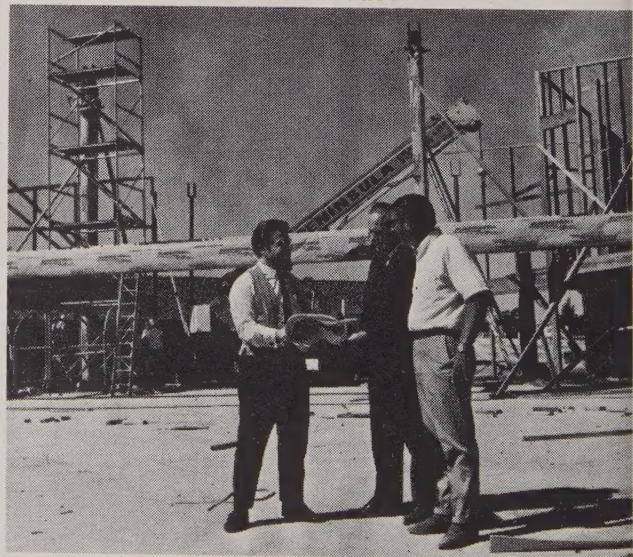
from the big church in Korea addressed the meeting — bringing encouragement and greetings to the Christians in Hong Kong. Many missionaries and friends from other churches also attended. John Ip writes that their church is expecting a great revival and asks to be remembered in special prayer.

SUNNYVALE BUILDS NEW SANCTUARY

PASTORAL CHANGES

GORDON SWANSON, former San Bruno pastor is now pastoring at Napa, First. **JAMES BERRY** has been elected pastor at Sonora Assy, **GERALD FRY** of Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fresno is now pastoring at Calvary Community, San Jose. We welcome the Frys into the District. **DONMALLOWHUGH**, Fremont Bethel, is moving to a new pastorate in Kelso, Wash. Gridley pastor, **LOUIS ROGGOWS** has reentered the field of evangelism—now in the middle west, they plan to return to the coast for the holidays. Some other new pastors are: **JESS HIGGINBOTHAM**, Colusa, **JAMES BERRY** to Sonora; **RAYMOND CHAPPELL** to Oakland's Bethel.

l-r: Ralph Thompson, designer; Rev. Bob Willis, Pastor; and Joel Heath, Building Superintendent are shown conferring on plans for the new sanctuary at the corner of Mary and Iowa Streets in Sunnyvale. The 1/3 of a million dollar structure is the last unit to be built for the Church which was founded in 1924. The new sanctuary will have a seating capacity of approximately 850 people. Classrooms located around the outside of the building will accommodate several hundred more. A small unique 50 capacity chapel will be located on the Mary Street side. Work is being rushed along for a possible dedication of the completed building in time for Christmas of this year.



MEL AND VERNA GRAMS

... continue to labor faithfully in South Africa. In August they welcomed forty students to the opening of the second term of school. A spirit of revival prevails in the school. The last phase of the Administration building has been completed.

Recently their water supply was cut off because the pump burned out. The cost of a new pump was nearly \$700. Contributions would be much appreciate.

VAN HOOKS TO INDONESIA

On Saturday, November 8, Noah and Rebecca Van Hook left from the San Francisco airport for Indonesia. They will be engaged in printing gospel literature for Bible Schools, Correspondence Courses,



Noah & Rebecca Van Hook

Sunday School and various other needs. National workers will also be trained to do this work. Another phase of their ministry will be presenting the Gospel to the deaf. Their address will be Djl Panggung No. 4, Malang, Indonesia.

FLYING WITH THE GOSPEL

Michael Hines from Guadalajara, Mexico reports that many of the students who attended the Personal Evangelism School have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. About fourteen are continuing their studies toward the ministry. In a recent tour over the Sierra Madre Del Sur moun-



HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONS

RUBEN A. WILSON
Director of
Home and Foreign Missions



BUILDING PURCHASED FOR CHINESE CHRISTIAN CENTER



At last a building for the Chinese Christian Center has been found! You who have been so vitally interested in the Chinese work have waited a long time to hear this. Al-

Future home of the Assemblies of God Chinese Christian Center—2350 Taylor Street, San Francisco, California

tains in his "Piper" plane he landed at several dozen villages and distributed about 120 lbs. of gospel literature. He preached to more than 5,000 people many of whom had never heard the gospel before. Many of them pleaded for him to return again. Although his supply of literature is exhausted, his plane has some bullet holes, and leaves were put in the gas tanks, he is ready to go ahead as the Lord provides.

At Christmas time Mike and Karen and family expect to come out to Carlsbad to renew their visas. They are in need of several trumpets and accordions for the students going into the ministry.

though not in Chinatown proper, it is within walking distance. Many Chinese teenagers attend a Junior High School which is only two blocks away. The famous San Francisco cable car which runs through Chinatown to Fisherman's Wharf passes right in front of the building, making it easy to reach. Bus service is also a short block away. The location is at 2350 Taylor Street. If you would like to give an offering for this project, send it to Wm. O. Vickery, Treasurer, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Ca 95060, designated for the Chinese Building Fund.

David Lim and Mrs. Lula Baird are accepting meetings in churches to interest friends in this project. A

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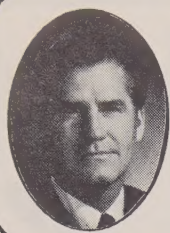
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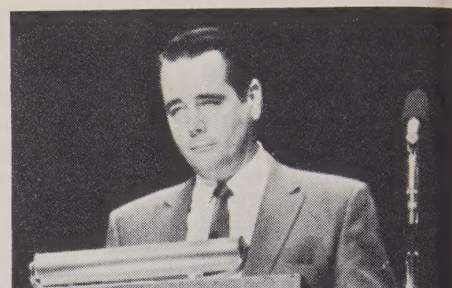
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THE ASSEMBLY MEN AT WORK

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IMPACT RALLY!

Over 3,000
Assembly-
Men and
Women in
attendance

Paul Harvey
spoke for
one hour
on "What
made
America
Great"



- 1—Dr. C. C. Burnett conducted the altar service, 800 men responded.
- 2—B.B.C. Band and Choir presented special music at the Impact Rally.
- 3—Lt. Gov. Ed. Reinecke addressing the Assembly-Men at the Saturday morning Session.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ASSEMBLY-MEN — HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 1970
... ASSEMBLY-MEN! LET'S WORK UNTIL JESUS COMES THE SECOND TIME ...

SIX GREAT LIGHT FOR THE LOST RALLIES

WILLARD CANTELON—Speaker

January 26—Roseville
First Assembly, 7 pm

January 27—Modesto
Calvary Temple 7 pm

January 29—Oakland
First Assembly, 7 pm

January 30—San Jose
Bethel, 7:30 pm

January 31—Santa Rosa
First Assembly, 7 pm

February 2—Eureka
First Assembly, 7 pm



Newly appointed
Vice-President of
M.F. Department



Newly appointed
Secretary of
M.F. Department



"Big" John Hall
featured soloist
at Assembly-men's
Convention, OkInd.

LIGHT FOR THE LOST

VICTORY BANQUET March 2nd

Missionary Paul Finkenbinder—Speaker
HOLIDAY INN, Stockton, Calif.

DISTRICT ACTION CRUSADE

Feb. 27th & 28th

Coordinator, Roy Wilkinson
Instructor, J. P. Jones

Eastside Assembly—Stockton, Calif.

ROYAL RANGERS



CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

At Santa Rosa, First Assembly of God, this tree was to publicize the Christmas in October offering. The tree is 9 feet tall, of plywood and painted, then covered with felt balls, baubles, etc., on which a picture of one of our missionary family is attached. The star at the top has a picture of the Santa Rosa Church.

This is permanent enough to be used each year with minor changes. It was all made by the "Y" Girls.

WMC DAY AT REDWOOD CAMP ... 1969

There were five trophies given. One each to the churches which gave the most in sheets, project giving, display, float, and pennies. Fortuna was awarded first in the giving of sheets and pennies. Rohnerville was awarded first in project giving and float. Crescent City was awarded first in display.



ictured [l-r] Goldia Anderson, Mrs. James Hill (holding Fortuna Assembly's two trophies, also two second place ribbons), Mrs. Cecil Phillips (holding one of Rohnerville Assembly's trophies and a second place ribbon.) Mrs. Carl Lowe (holding Crescent City's trophy), and Thel Murray, Sectional Director.

MISSIONETTE INSTALLATION

A Missionette and Prim Installation Service was held recently at Northside Assembly of God, Tracy during an evening rally. "Stairway to the Stars" theme was on display. Three Senior girls were crowned for completing their Susanna step. The Prim group was organized with ten girls and have added one new girl each meeting since the Installation. Their sponsors are: Adelsa Rogers and Theda Cundiff. The Junior girls started with eight girls and have ad-



THE ORPHAN WHO WON A MILLION SOULS

On one occasion early in 1914 the streets around New York's Carnegie Hall were black with thousands of people trying to enter the famous building. Among those who wanted a seat—any seat—was a multimillionaire Andrew Carnegie. But although the building had been named in his honor, it was impossible for him to get in.

Indeed the crowd was so great on that crisp Sunday evening that it took half an hour for even the announced speaker to push himself through the sea of impatient people and get to the platform.

And who was the attraction that snarled up the city's traffic? A visiting king, the President, a concert violinist? No! The attraction that day was a simple man, born in a log cabin, raised in Iowa orphanages, and better known as Billy Sunday. Many Americans considered him to be the world's greatest evangelist.

Turning people away from Carnegie Hall for a religious service was news. But it wasn't anything new for this former baseball player. It happened to him quite frequently.

ded to their number. Their sponsors are: Kindle Green and Gnet Sneed. The Senior girls have 7 girls in their group. Their sponsors are: Bonnie Freeman and Ila Kaster. The older girls have adopted "Vickie", a girl that is in the Hillcrest Children's Home, Hot Springs, Arkansas. A quilt was presented to Vickie during the ladies retreat in Santa Cruz that the Senior girls had made. The girls are enthusiastic about all their activities. Sis. Rogers says this is due to the six fine and competent sponsors that are working with the girls. Rev. Truvon D. Rogers is the pastor.

WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL



GOLDIA ANDERSON
President



The story of his unique "athletic preaching" had gotten around, and nearly everyone was eager to hear him.

Altogether Billy preached face to face to more than eighty million people. And a million of these went forward to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

This is especially remarkable since most of his ministry was before the days of radio and loudspeakers!

Billy Sunday was born in Iowa on November 19, 1862. He never saw his father, for he died of disease in the Union Army a month later. Soon his widowed mother found that she could not take care of her three boys, and so Billy and one of his brothers were sent to the Soldier's Orphanage at Glenwood, Iowa.

Loving

CHRISTMAS

CREETINGS

from


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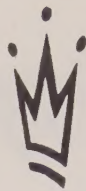
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TOUR

Over 1700 Sunday School staff members attended the Fall Sunday School Convention Tour. During the three hour sessions, they attended departmental workshops, took a Harvard University teacher analysis adapted to the Sunday School and heard a never-to-be forgotten message by Kenneth Schmidt on "Distractions."

Judging from the comments, the workshop leaders really rang the bell. Here are a few remarks: "My workshop leader was sharp. "My workshop speaker brought practical helps, not just book knowledge." "Wish we had more time in the workshop." In behalf of all who attended, I would like to express a heartfelt thank-you to the fifty-six very able workshop leaders for their

outstanding sessions. It was very evident they had done their homework.

Have you ever seen a "teacher evaluation" like the one on this page? You have if you attended the Sunday School Tour. Someone commented, "It hurt but I'm glad I took it. I personally feel I will be better in my public relations because of it." It seems evident that the Holy Spirit used this to help our staffs do a better job in their Sunday School endeavor in the future.

Here's a quote from one of our pastors, "The meeting in Modesto last night was tremendous. Kenneth Schmidt's message on "Distractions" was the finest and so relevant to today's over-crowded activity schedule. I'll not soon forget it." This pastor ex-

MAKE SOME- THING HAP- PEN



KENNETH SCHMIDT
IN ACTION!

TEACHER ANALYSIS									
1. Alertness	A	B	C	D	E				
2. Ambition	A	B	C	D	E				
3. Attitude	A	B	C	D	E				
4. Personal Appearance	A	B	C	D	E				
5. Character	A	B	C	D	E				
6. Courteous	A	B	C	D	E				
7. Enthusiasm	A	B	C	D	E				
8. Presentation	A	B	C	D	E				
9. Habits	A	B	C	D	E				
10. Imagination	A	B	C	D	E				
11. Observation	A	B	C	D	E				
12. Partiality	A	B	C	D	E				
13. Resourcefulness	A	B	C	D	E				
14. Sincerity	A	B	C	D	E				
15. Speech	A	B	C	D	E				
16. Tact	A	B	C	D	E				
17. Punctuality	A	B	C	D	E				
18. Will Power	A	B	C	D	E				

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B-BELOWT.
C-COOL-AVE.
D-DOMINANT
E-EXCELLENT

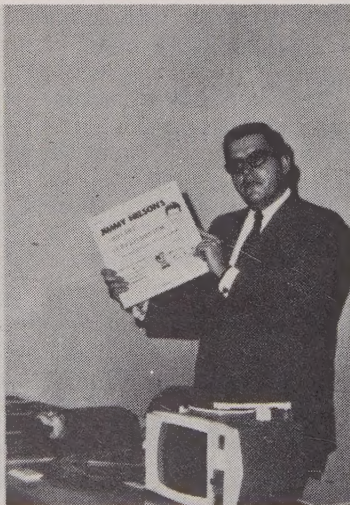
pressed very concisely what we all felt. Kenneth Schmidt rang the bell! Together we thank him for his contribution to the Sunday Schools of the District. "Let us rise up for we are well able!"

Numbers 13:30

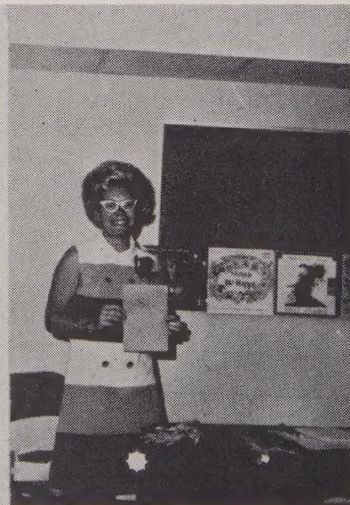
BOYD WOLVERTON & JESSIE WILKENSON



JIM HAEFELE



LILLIAN KENNEDY



PAT REEVES



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

by Bob Hughes, Director of Student Ministries

All too frequently we hear various reports that testify to the seemingly passive attitudes of today's Bible college student reflected by his lack of involvement in Christian service endeavors. However, while these opinions may be true of some, they are an unfair judgment of others. The vast majority of Bethany's students are involved every week in some spiritual service activity. Every week the students of Bethany participate in Junior Church, Sunday School, Kids Klubs, Released Time Teaching in San Jose and Watsonville, Rest Home Services, Street Services, Youth With a Purpose, and the Christian Center at Santa Cruz Boardwalk. As well, many of the senior men are serving as Pastors, Assistants, Youth Pastors, and Choir Directors. For example, Charles Crouse serves as the Assistant Pastor to Pastor Oliver in Salinas; Gerald Cunningham is the Pastor of First Assembly in San Leandro; and Ken Horn and Rod Zecher are Youth Directors at Full Gospel Temple in Richmond. At Bethany we thank God for youth who are vitally interested in Christian Service.

SALINAS & 1,000 HOMES

Every Wednesday evening the Mission's Society of Bethany sponsors "outreach" groups for the different areas of missionary endeavor around the world. One of these "outreach" groups is the Home Missions Outreach.

On October 18 and 19 this group joined forces with Calvary Assembly in Salinas to share Jesus Christ with



BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

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THE BIBLE COLLEGE . . . by Dr. William Greene

If I were to choose a motto in today's educational dilemma with regard to classroom practice, teaching method, curriculum content, and evaluation, it would have to be: "Lord, give me this day my daily idea and forgive me the one I had yesterday."

Much has been said in recent years about curriculum change or innovation with many disciplines being questioned as to their curricular worthiness. What courses offer a "general" education? What are "professional" courses? What is their



relationship to each other? More specifically for the specialized Bible College, what place does the teaching of Bible content hold in general or professional education? Do such courses belong to the arts or the sciences?

Almost every week I read an article or respond to a questionnaire about one or more of the above questions. Not infrequently, we who teach in Bible Colleges are asked why we do so. Just a few weeks ago, while serving as evaluation consultant to a group of Christian day schools, I was astounded at the failure of directors to answer such questions of purpose as proposed above. No one objective appears common in schools oriented to Bible-based curricula and the place of Bible content is too often ill-defined. It is to this point I address myself.

Whatever the unique objective of an individual institution, the primary function of the Bible College is the training of ministers. For this reason the Bible should not be divorced from "general" education and all "professional" education courses should be Bible-oriented. Indeed, this is the heart and soul of the Bible College concept. I teach in a Bible College because of a commitment to the ministry of training ministers and ministers are not ready to minister without thorough schooling in Biblical concepts, whether they be pastors, evangelists, missionaries, song leaders, youth directors — or *teachers!* In the true sense, the Bible College is neither Arts nor Sciences nor Professional; it is rather a specialized institution dedicated to the training of ministers.

In the "wheel of knowledge" used to outline curriculum, the Bible must be more than just one of the spokes or even the rim itself; it must be the hub around which other curricula revolve and from which all disciplines evolve. When this hub turns the wheel, then the Biblical truths will permeate all knowledge

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

Presents

the

"SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS"

A Refreshing Evening of Inspiration

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

Thursday, December 18

8:15 P.M.

The Art of Giving



IN gratitude for God's gift of life to us we should share that gift with others. The art of giving encompasses many areas. It is an outgoing, overflowing way of life.

Basically we give what we are. "The thoughts you think," wrote Maeterlinck, "will irradiate you as though you are a transparent vase."

The gifts of things are never as precious as the gift of thought. Emerson said it well: "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself."

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the heart: love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy, tolerance, forgiveness . . .

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the mind: ideas, dreams, purposes, ideals, principals, plans, inventions, projects, poetry . . .

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the spirit: prayer, vision, beauty, aspiration, peace, faith . . .

We give of ourselves when we give the gift of time; when we are minute builders of more abundant living for others . . .

We give of ourselves when we give the gift of words: encouragement, inspiration, guidance . . .

We should give of ourselves with the radiant warmth of sunshine and the glow of the open fire.

We should give our community a good man.

We should give our home a devoted husband and father.

We should give our country a loyal citizen.

We should give our world a lift toward "that one far-off divine event toward which all creation moves."

The finest gift a man can give to his age and time is the gift of a constructive and creative life.

From: THE ART OF LIVING
By: Willard A. Peterson



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE ENTIRE "DISTRICT OFFICE" FAMILY

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By Peter Marshall

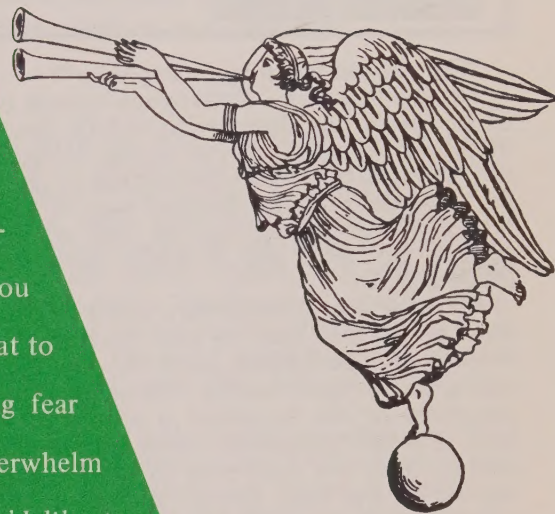
AND WE DO PRAY, LORD JESUS, THAT
AS WE CELEBRATE THY BIRTHDAY
MAY DO IT IN A MANNER WELL PLEASING
TO THEE. MAY ALL WE DO AND
EVERY TRIBUTE OF OUR HEARTS, BE
HONOR TO THY NAME, THAT WE, O
PEOPLE, MAY REMEMBER THY BIRTHDAY
AND FEEL THY PRESENCE AMONG US
EVEN YET.

"We are grateful to our Christ for the privilege which He has given us to serve Him and you during the past year."

Superintendent and Mrs. Gerhart

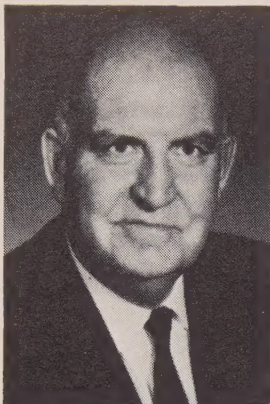


Something of Christmas



Sick of Christmas
already? Fed up with a
week to go? It happens . . .

Pressure of gifts yet to be purchased—and what is worse, you haven't got a ghost of an idea what to give. — Furthermore, the haunting fear that bills are piling up which will overwhelm you at the end of the month. — *You'd like to make something of Christmas* — put yourself into your gifts — but it will probably be the same old story — rush into a store at the last minute and feverishly buy anything to get it over with. — It's easy to feel like a hypocrite at Christmas time. — One may even entertain the idea that he wishes there was no such a holiday as Christmas — wishes it had never been thought of. — Why don't you take long enough to *stop and think* about the *real meaning* of Christmas . . . Is it possible that you've *never really understood* Christmas? Has its meaning *escaped* you all these years? Or have you forgotten? Have you *deliberately put out of your mind* the truth it celebrates? — Maybe if you began at the beginning - with the authentic idea of Christmas — it would begin to have meaning for you. — God, the *inventor of Christmas*, can give you back the significance you've missed — or lost — or rejected. — Take time to reflect on *the Divine original* — and the cheap copy you've been carrying around in your mind and heart will vanish. — Let the love of God warm your heart and you will *share that warmth and love* with your wife and children, neighbors and friends. — The problem isn't Christmas . . . but what you've made of it! — Get back to the truth this year: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life." — John 3:16



the Place of Prophecy in Preaching

BY EVANGELIST HARRY J. STEIL
PART ONE.

What do we mean by "prophecy"?

Do we mean the clairvoyant crystal ball statements of a present day Jeanne Dixon? Or the utterances of a medieval Nostradamus, or a later Mother Shipton? Are not all such the feeble flickerings of the human candle as compared to the blazing sun of God's prophetic Word? We are surely agreed that we mean Bible Prophecy. So let's get a Bible definition of BIBLE PROPHECY!

We have also a more sure word of prophecy whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1:19-21

Again, let's get a definition of BIBLE PROPHECY from a Biblical scholar who is among the most widely read Biblical authorities in our 20th century Evangelical Christianity, Dr. Wilbur Smith.

Prophecy in the Bible is a revelation from God, of what He wishes us to know of His purpose toward individuals, nations, mankind and the universe. This great body of prophetic revelation assumes and affirms the absolute foreknowledge of God. (Isa. 42:9, 46:9-11, 48:3-5.) Biblical prophecy also implies that God is all powerful, that He is able to bring to pass whatever He has foreannounced. (Isa. 46:11, Psa. 33:10-11; Heb. 6:17; Moody Monthly, Dec. 1961)

What PROPORTION of the preacher's pulpit ministry should be prophetic? Does someone say "none"? Perhaps not by their word but by their act of omission. "Inasmuch as ye did it not. . ." Let any such read again the Holy Spirit's exhortation thru Peter, as quoted above, that we do well to take heed to the more sure word of prophecy. As God called preachers we are commanded to "PREACH THE WORD" 2 Tim. 4:1-2. One of our most used slogans is the WHOLE GOSPEL FOR THE WHOLE MAN. From the inception of our Assemblies of God movement our leadership has proclaimed that we stand for and preach a FOUR FOLD GOSPEL: Christ Saves, Christ Heals, Christ Baptizes with the Holy Spirit, Christ is coming again. The last of these four tenets is of course in the realm of pure prophecy. Should we then omit it from our preaching and get along on the first three tenets? Wouldn't that be like trying to drive our autos on three wheels when their design and engineering call for four? We would be badly IMBALANCED!

Some scholars claim that one third of our Bible is prophetic. That sixteen of its books are entirely prophetic. Can we afford to neglect this one third of the

whole Divine revelation and still call ourselves "Full Gospel Preachers?" Suppose as of next pay day that we were informed to adjust our living to a one third cut in salary. Wouldn't we move heaven and earth to try to prove to the fiscal controllers of the purse that we need all three thirds of that salary—and that two thirds is sadly insufficient? Then why be content to drop one third of the "fine gold" of God's Word, the prophetic part, from the spiritual and congregational life of the church?

Again, the scholars tell us that over three hundred prophecies in the Bible were fulfilled in the course of our Lord's First Advent. These include forty prophecies concerning Christ that were fulfilled in the 24 hours that marked His trial and crucifixion. (Herman Newmark) By contrast it is claimed that God's Word contains seven times as many prophecies which pertain to Christ's Second Advent. It would seem then, that the Holy Spirit is placing a seven fold emphasis on prophetic Second Coming preaching! In the light of this, can any spirit-filled preacher neglect prophetic study and preaching?

You should give that (prophetic) word your closest attention, for it shines like a lamp amidst all the dirt and darkness of the world. 2 Pet. 1:19 Phillips.

Remember, it was in the midst of His greatest prophetic utterances that Jesus cried: "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35.

PROPHECY PREACHING MUST BE CHRIST CENTERED

The Lord Jesus Christ is the sum and substance, the center and circumference of prophecy. "To Him give all the prophets witness." Acts 10:43. In that crown jewel of all prophetic books, REVELATION, the Spirit of God states:

The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. Rev. 19:10 KJV

Testimony to Jesus is the spirit which underlies prophecy. Rev. 19:10 Weymouth

This witness to Jesus inspires all prophecy. Rev. 19:10 Phillips.

BIBLICAL, SPIRIT INSPIRED PROPHETIC PREACHING EXALTS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Thus it has a saving and redemptive effort for when he is "lifted up from the earth all men will be drawn unto Him." Prophetic preaching and teaching quickens the heart, the faith, the understanding. Take the Emmaus dialogue for an example.

Then said Jesus unto them. O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken . . . And beginning at Moses and all the prophets He expounded unto them IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:25-27, 32.

CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH



IN DISCOVERING AND TRAINING LEADERS



FOR THE MINISTRY

Prepared by Cordas C. Burnett, President of Bethany Bible College—
Delivered in September 1969 at the Minister's Institutes of the Northern California Nevada District — Richardson Springs and Asilomar.

PART ONE

The theme for this first afternoon session of our Minister's Institute has been announced as "Leadership Procurement and Development." The immediate consideration before this group is that of "Discovering and Training Leaders for the Ministry." That this theme and its sub-topics is altogether important to the future of our church is obvious, surely, to each of us. If there is no continuing leadership in our midst the church will soon find itself in an undesirable and totally unwanted status of spiritual anarchy. The condition reached in Israel's day when "there was no king in Israel and every man did that which was right in his own eyes" will soon be the status quo in every church—a condition for which none of us are willing to assume responsibility.

A committee imposed time limit of 15 to 20 minutes for this presentation, in itself, will limit anything but a cursory perusal of the subject. There must be some degree of relevance to the other facets of the session—how much we shall determine when we meet together in planary session. The nature of this seminar and the setting of this particular session implies that papers presented will be just that—papers—and not what some of us might feel is of utmost desirability—a strong emotion packed diatribe against current factors which have brought us to the place where we must give attention to "such a need." We shall, however, try to confine ourselves to the theme of the session and trust that the Holy Ghost will bring the needed impact to our souls.

At the risk of seeming to sermonize, let me call attention to several places in Holy writ which cannot, and must not, be ignored when we contemplate leadership in the ministry. The patriarch of old declared in positive tones the dictum that "where there is no vision the people perish." That this applies to more than just the ministry we do not deny, but surely there is none here who would not agree that "vision" becomes an altogether essential *sine qua non* of those who would serve our wonderful Lord. The prophet Isaiah in the sixth chapter of his eternal prophecy trembled at the vision he had seen of the majesty of God as reflected in the cherubims and smoking burning coals of fire around the altar. His "woe is me" has been the heart-cry of more than a few of us as we have stood in the presence of His eternal glorious self and heard the voice echo through the heavens—and into our heart—"Whom shall I send and who will go for me?" We have answered "we will go." But what of the countless hundreds of others among us who have never heard the call or been inspired to cry with us "we will go?"

Jesus insisted that His disciples must assume a certain responsibility in the area of developing leadership when he said to them "the harvest is so great and the workers are so few. Pray, therefore, to the one who is in charge of the harvesting and ask Him to send out more workers into the fields." (Math. 9:37-38, Living Gospels) The Master knew "leadership" would be the result of spiritual intercession before the throne of God—intercession that of necessity would continue until the last soul was saved—until the days when the harvest would be over.

The apostle Paul must have sensed something of this divine call when he cried "woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Not only did he feel this divine compulsion for himself but throughout his writings he seems to have tried to impart the same to others. No where did he encourage the youth of his acquaintance to seek any outlet for their time and talent than the pursuit of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, to the apostle Paul there seemed to be only one consuming passion. He voiced it in Romans 10:13-15 when he wrote "anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved but how shall they ask Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe on Him if they have never heard of Him? And how can they hear unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them unless someone sends him?"

The announcement of the theme of this session, although given in the positive sense, implies a negative consideration. We can close our eyes and insist on the "power of positive thinking" and ignore the negative if we insist. But one does not long look on the horizon until he realizes that we are faced with a tremendous and growing need for men in the ministry. Although there are, no doubt, many items that can be considered there are at least two very evident factors which must be in our minds—facts that cry aloud as to our need for securing and developing new ministers.

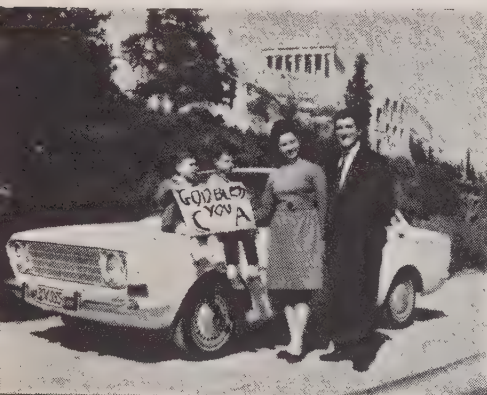
First of all—the unfinished task. I remember having spoken in the fall of 1963 to the General Council in Memphis, Tennessee, about this all important and self-condemning fact. We like to think of the Assemblies of God in that "heyday" when we were growing faster than other churches in America; when we were establishing new churches almost every day. But the tragic fact now is that we are not keeping up with the population growth. To keep up with growth alone we would have to build 300 new churches each year. The best we can do is to approximate one church for every 20,000 people. But, in some sections, this is far from reality. In the northeast section of our country, we have one

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THE CHANG FAMILY

ing a very heavy load of responsibility in the school. The Changs want to express their deep and sincere appreciation to their friends who have faithfully sent financial support to them during the years of their ministry in the Bible School. All contributions should be made payable to M. B. Netzel, Treas., and designated: For Loren Chang, BIM, Malaysia, and mailed to 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo., 65802.

ANDERSON ASSEMBLY

... Pastor Jim Logan writes, "We have just completed a series of Evangelistic Services with Mrs. Velma Lackey. Several were saved and eight received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Sister Lackey's personal testimony of physical healing was a great inspiration to our congregation. A number of those present in the meetings were healed. The rich experiences gained from pastoring and evangelizing has equipped Mrs. Lackey with a burden which will prove beneficial for any church. Our church family was drawn closer together and strengthened in faith because of these services."

PASTOR & MRS. R.M. CATLETT

... have retired after 20 years as Pastors of First Assembly, Antioch. The church is sending Reverend and Mrs. Catlett to Hawaii for a Christmas Vacation for their 20th Anniversary and Retirement gift. During the twenty years the Catletts have been in Antioch, they have served on various District Boards and Committees. Mrs. Catlett was Sectional Women's Missionary Council Direc-



Rev. R. M. Catlett

tor for the Contra Costa Section. The Section gave Rev. Catlett a plaque for his faithful and dedicated services as presbyter from 1958 to 1969. The District Presbytery honored Reverend Catlett at a special dinner in Santa Cruz on October 23, as they were gathered for their regular quarterly meeting.

We wish the Catletts God's very best in the years ahead. They will be greatly missed from the posts of duty which they have filled for these many years.

WITH THE LORD

... We wish to express our sympathy to Rev. Louis Weston of 1117 Baldwin St., Salinas, California. Mrs. (Clara) Weston went to be with the Lord on October 22nd after a long illness. Our prayers are for our brother that God will sustain and give added grace during this time of loss.

CHAPLAIN RICHARD D. WOOD writes

... "It has been a very beautiful autumn in Germany with so many leaves falling all around. Happily, a couple fell on my shoulders, so I had my boss, Ch. Col. Edmund A. Puseman and Dorothy pin them on just to make sure they stay. I can't even say they're too heavy. In truth, I'm very grateful and trust that we'll be able to continue our ministry to the military. You're well aware that there's nothing like it in the world. Just great! The family and I leave for Berchtesgaden for our Assemblies of God retreat. Dick Fulmer is really doing a bang up job over here. We have around 70 going from just Wiesbaden, and it's because he's had some marvelous pro-



grams in the past. Lem Boyles is coming Friday from England to go down with us."

SUPT. & MRS. J. L. GERHART

... Word has been received from Germany that the Gerharts arrived safely. Our prayers are with our Superintendent and wife, that God will give them a much needed rest and a time of refreshing. We, as a District, appreciate Brother and Sister Gerhart so very much and wish to take this means of expressing our love to them.

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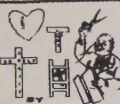
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THE WALTER ERICKSONS

... of Lima, Peru tell of a convention which was recently held in the Peruvian Andes nearly 16,000 feet above sea level. It is probably one of the highest Assemblies of God congregations in the world. Hundreds of people attended and a baptismal service was held the last day. Five men were baptized in the icy water which came right down out of a glacier.


About 180 pastors, Christian workers and Sunday School superintendents and teachers gathered at the Bible School in Lima, Peru for their fourth Sunday School Congress. Instructors came from Springfield (Melvin Hodges), from Editorial Vida, the Spanish Literature Department in Miami, as well as from Mexico, Uruguay and Argentina plus several National Leaders.

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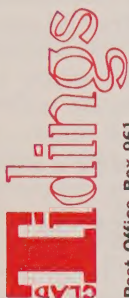


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